

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 537 – HB 567

April 6, 2015

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Prohibits a local education agency (LEA) from requiring any student in the tenth grade or higher, who is in the custody of the Department of Children's Services or exiting DCS custody, to meet more than the minimum graduation requirements set forth by the State Board of Education. Requires each LEA to issue a diploma to any such student who meets the minimum graduation requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005524):** Deletes and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive change is to make the bill relative to a student who is in the eleventh grade or higher instead of the tenth grade or higher.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- No change in the Basic Education Program (BEP) funding formula or to appropriations made by state and local government pursuant to the BEP formula.
- The increase in LEA-issued diplomas will not significantly increase printing costs for diplomas or other related costs relative to graduation.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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